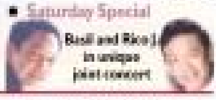


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Young editor fights for cell phone, loses life instead

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Magdalo boys apologize



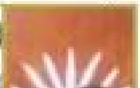
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By Philip C. Tubeza

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Govt's do make deals with kidnappers

By Michel Sailhan

PARIS—While Britain has repeatedly said it will not deal with Islamic extremists holding a Briton hostage in Iraq, past practice shows that governments negotiate, and sometimes even pay ransoms, to kidnappers.

2 Egyptians added to list of kidnapped aliens in Iraq



Thai woman, 2 kids believed dead of bird flu

BANGKOK—A woman and two children have died of suspected bird flu in Thailand, ... [illegible]

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Airport screeners in US fail to see arms, explosives

WASHINGTON—[illegible]

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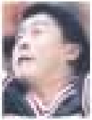
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All the best, Mon

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Al S. Mendoza

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3-way tie in NCA Stag Wars

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TEACHER-FOOTBALLERS: The RP women's soccer team

RP women put best foot forward in Viet soccer tilt

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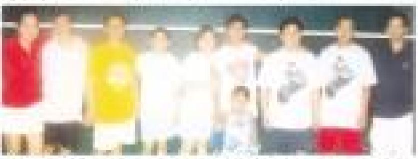
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Indonesia hosts Asian F3 4th leg

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OPINION



Dawn

EDITORIAL

SOUTHEAST Asia's oldest democracy, the Philippines, can only look on in envy as a democratic dawn breaks in one of the region's newest democracies, Indonesia.

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The insatiable hundred leeches

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

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Female spies

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Belinda A. Aquino

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Expert media maneuvers

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Young people for the environment

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Rina Jimenez-David

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Some militant party-list representatives have protested the reduction of their pork barrel (from 35 million to 10 million pesos each) for the latter half of 2004. Is their protest valid? Why or why not!

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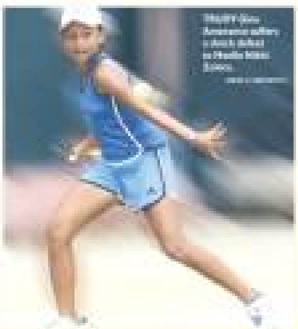


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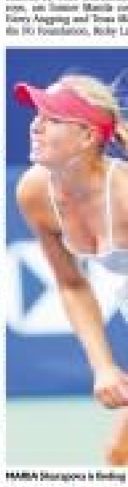


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Dacera, 13, grabs lone RP swim gold in EAGA meet



Russian grand slam champs set China Open semifinal matchup



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THINGS are still looking up for world No. 1 Vijay Singh.

Same old song: Singh gains first round lead

INQUIRER Visayas
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Literacy classes empower women

By Iris C. Mamalias
Cebu City

TERESITA "Mading" Ponce, 33, reached second year high school but had not had a chance to complete her secondary education. So when the Cebu Integrated Area Development Program (CIADP) of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) started implementing a non-formal education (NFE) program in her village in Tabuelan, Cebu, she eagerly took the challenge.

"I realized that there are still many things that I need to develop like my values ... Before, I would only be good to other people if they [weren't] good to me. But those negative values disappeared when I joined the NFE classes," Mading said in Cebuano.

She said she learned to mingle with other people in the community. Before, she said she would never join any of its activities, such as cleaning the surroundings.

Fidelia "Feliding" Ibañez, 46, also related how the NFE helped her become a better person. "[illegible] is so unfair so that I don't offend other people. We do need to respect others by acknowledging their presence and these are the bonds of our elders."

Both Mading and Feliding have witnessed the transformations not only within themselves but their classmates in the NFE as well. They have seen how grumpy, older women become approachable and would even start cracking jokes in the group.



"Before, we could not approach our other companions because they were so aloof. Now that we are in the NFE, they already developed humor and we get [illegible] when we joke around," Feliding said.

For one member was her class, more in the NFE. "She already knows how to write her name," she proudly announced.

Thirty-seven percent of the CIADP adult literacy learners in Barangay Kodiahangon in the northwestern town of Tabuelan could not read and write when they joined the program. But in the last May elections, many of them were able to vote on their own.

"They were no longer assisted, they could already vote for whom they wanted," Mading said.

As part of its continuing effort to empower women in Kodiahangon, the CIADP introduced the dressmaking livelihood project through NFE graduate Adelfa "Maria" Samonteping, who was more than willing to share her skills.

Livelihood projects

Since they started in April, the women dressmakers have sewn [illegible] that were worn by elementary and day care students. They also provided the dance costumes for the village's representative to Tabuelan's [illegible] Festival in June and those of the day care students during their commencement exercises in March.

"I taught them how to get measurements in English so that when foreigners come to them, they won't have a hard time," Nang Maria said in Cebuano.

The goat dispersal project also contributed much to the improvement of the lives of its beneficiaries. Nang Feliding herself is raising two kids (one female and one male) from an ewe entrusted to her care. As soon as the female kid is ready to be passed on to another recipient, she would claim ownership of both ewe and male kid.

Asked how much has changed in her students since the first day of classes, facilitator Fabba Olleg said: "Their literacy skills were broadened. They now know how to write their names and do calculations so that they won't commit mistakes in giving change in their small stores."



ADULT villagers learn to read and write through the non-formal education project implemented by the Cebu Integrated Area Development Program of the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. At right, the women and their other fellow learners join in the barangay cleanup along the road leading to their community, beautifying their surroundings and taking pride in themselves.

The women learners have also become participative and more than willing to help in village activities. Their self-awareness has instilled pride in themselves that, in turn, paved the way for their active participation in developing the community.

"The service in Barangay Kodiahangon is truly voluntary. The joy of our barangay is also our joy," Olleg said.

Before, she said, it was very difficult to persuade the women to attend the classes because they were embarrassed to be in school. Moreover, their husbands were not very supportive because no one would be left in their homes.

But with the support of the Barangay Development Council in organizing and conducting the classes, husbands, vendors and other community members soon became cordial and even eager to observe the literacy classes.

Mading narrated how she inspired her 4-year-old daughter [illegible] to come to school herself. "My schooling in the NFE encouraged my daughter to study in the day care center," she said.

Women for dev't

The NFE is one of the components of the "Empowering Bailan, Bas, Antonia, Tabuelan, and Tabuelan Project (Empowering BATT Corridor)" under a grant assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in partnership with the provincial government.

When the financial assistance ended in January, RAFI took over the program to ensure its sustainability.

As of January, a total of 145 adult literacy learners have completed the 150 learning hours of the NFE. Today, women represent the majority of the community's organizations and events.





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Erap ...

Young editor fights ...

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Training

Good grooming



No site in sight for Malabon folk

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An arcade, not a casino—Atienza

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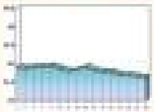


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DOF bucks House version of tax amnesty

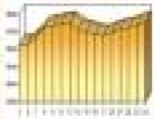
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PESO-DOLLAR RATE



STOCK MARKET

Stocks at 4-½-yr high



By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance has expressed dismay over the decision of the Lower House to include delinquent taxpayers with pending court cases in the coverage of the proposed tax amnesty, saying it was not the intent of the tax measure to offer a compromise to just any tax evader.

NTC seeks registration of imported cell phones

By Clarissa S. Batino

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Households may get to choose own power supplier

Gas not always greener

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Local insurers seeking SRO status

Online trading firm expanding in Asian markets

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IT investments drop as piracy rate rises

Indian firm completes ₱1-B payment for NSC

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

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SMC to source raw materials locally

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Gov't seen to lose $200M currency swap with ADB

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT has given up hope that it could make use of a dormant $200-million peso swap and financing facility with the Asian Development Bank.

A government official privy to the discussions with the ADB told reporters there was no chance that the row with the ADB over the terms of the facility would be resolved.

The official noted the deal with the ADB was dead, unless the multilateral lender would reconsider the government's pleas.

"It's not going to push through anymore, unless they (the ADB) buckle down," the official said.

But the government official noted that the bank and the government were unlikely to resolve their differences.

In a separate interview, however, ADB country director Tom Crouch said the bank's offer was still on the table and the bank was still hoping that the facility would finally be fleshed out.

Since the opening of the facility was announced in January this year, the ADB and the government had met several times in an attempt to iron out their differences. No progress had been made.

The ADB facility seeks to provide long-term peso-denominated loans to selected banks for relending to a variety of businesses dependent on peso revenues. The project seeks to help the final borrowers meet their long term funding needs and boost their financial viability by avoiding currency and maturity mismatches.

The bank will source the peso funds for the loans through cross-currency swaps of convertible currency for pesos with the Philippine government. The local currency will be lent to banks at a fixed interest rate without government guarantee.

While there was a lot of demand for the facility, its operation has been derailed by differences in pricing, among other terms. The government is requesting that the ADB price the swap rates below market rates.

The government's position is that international development banks like the ADB should pass on the benefits of their AAA-credit rating to countries like the Philippines.

Under the facility, the banks borrowing from the ADB shall onlend to local businesses. Targeted sectors include infrastructure, transport, manufacturing, small and medium enterprises, housing, and expenditures on environmental improvement.

At present, long-term fixed-interest rate pesos financing is in short supply in the Philippines, limiting private sector and foreign investment in the country. The financing facility aims to address key constraints in financing sectors that are crucial to promoting economic growth.

Breaktime

From page B2

the not the same.

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LET'S not even argue about the weight of the "fake" LPG. Most of tanks are underweight, but that's all right with us, because we are all ignorant consumers.

The real issue is safety. Precisely, the LPG cylinder was invented for safety. Otherwise, we can just put gas in a recycled bottle or something.

The cylinder, in effect, contains highly inflammable material. It must therefore be sealed properly to avoid any leak.

Thus, based on scientific studies, the LPG cylinder must be of a specified thickness.

Anything thicker than the faces of our politicos, for instance, is just a waste. Anything thinner, on the other hand, is dangerous. That's why the cylinders of the genuine article are well maintained.

To remove evidence that they stole the cylinders, the makers of "fake," erase the original logos on the containers by filing them. The cylinders become thinner. This makes the cylinders prone to leaking. That's a good formula to start some accidents.

Most of the "fake" LPGs, by the way, are used in densely populated areas. In other words, in a little accident, you get a lot of broken limbs and bones, if not dead bodies.

Jan.-Aug. ecozone exports up 22.5% to $20.5B

DTI finalizing stance on cement safeguard duty

Echo, echo!



DARE FOR MORE. Jericho Rosales and Cindy Kurleto at Dish

Text and photos by Tim Yap

"HUBAD!"

Every time a friend of mine hears this sound bite, she strips.

In short, Jericho Rosales, Echo to his close buddies, has that commanding presence that makes women (and men) take off their clothes, as he did in his latest Pepsi commercial.

With this in mind, I rushed off to Dish last weekend to strip off my inhibitions and greet him a happy birthday.

Earlier that night, he grabbed the mic and proceeded to serenade his guests. After all, the Pepsi boy is part of the singing and fleeting sensation, "The Hunks."

Hip, young show biz was in full force in

ECHO/C2



ACTOR'S actor Joel Torre



POWER player Dax Endriga



YOUNG actor/director Lui Villaruz



WOW! Wowie de Guzman



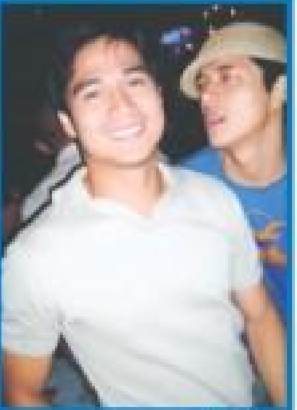
EYE OPENER Miko Palanca


GROOVE IS IN THE HEART: Pauleen Evangelista reigns


KISSING COUSIN: Feeling Echo


SIBLING SENSATIONS: John and Camille Prats

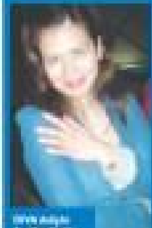

WHO'S THE VICTIM?: John Estrada and Carlos Agassi


WHO'S THE BIGGER HUNK?: Piolo Pascual with birthday boy Jericho Rosales

Echo, echo!


SMILE CONTROL: KJ Palanca and Kian Abad


ALL GROWN UP: Patrick Garcia in the house


DIVA delight: Zsa Zsa Padilla


SOAP stud Luis Alandy


BODY LANGUAGE: Patricia Javier grooves


PLANET DANCE: DJ Marc Del Rosario in the new "A"-inside mac

Rock echo invasion

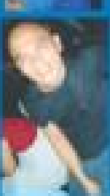

HOT ECHO: Marcial Crespo and Cindy Kurleto


JUMP FOR JOY: Jodi Santamaria at Echo's party


GIRL POWER: Nikki Valdez and Desiree del Valle


EX CHANGING: Joey Dumlao Sichon

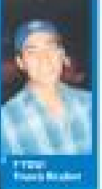

GAYA MO TO!: Echo with Tim Yap


PHOTO STAR: Jewel Lorenzo


CROWD CONTROL: John Lloyd Cruz


BEAUTY PLUS: Zsa Zsa Padilla and make-up artist Boris Dimson

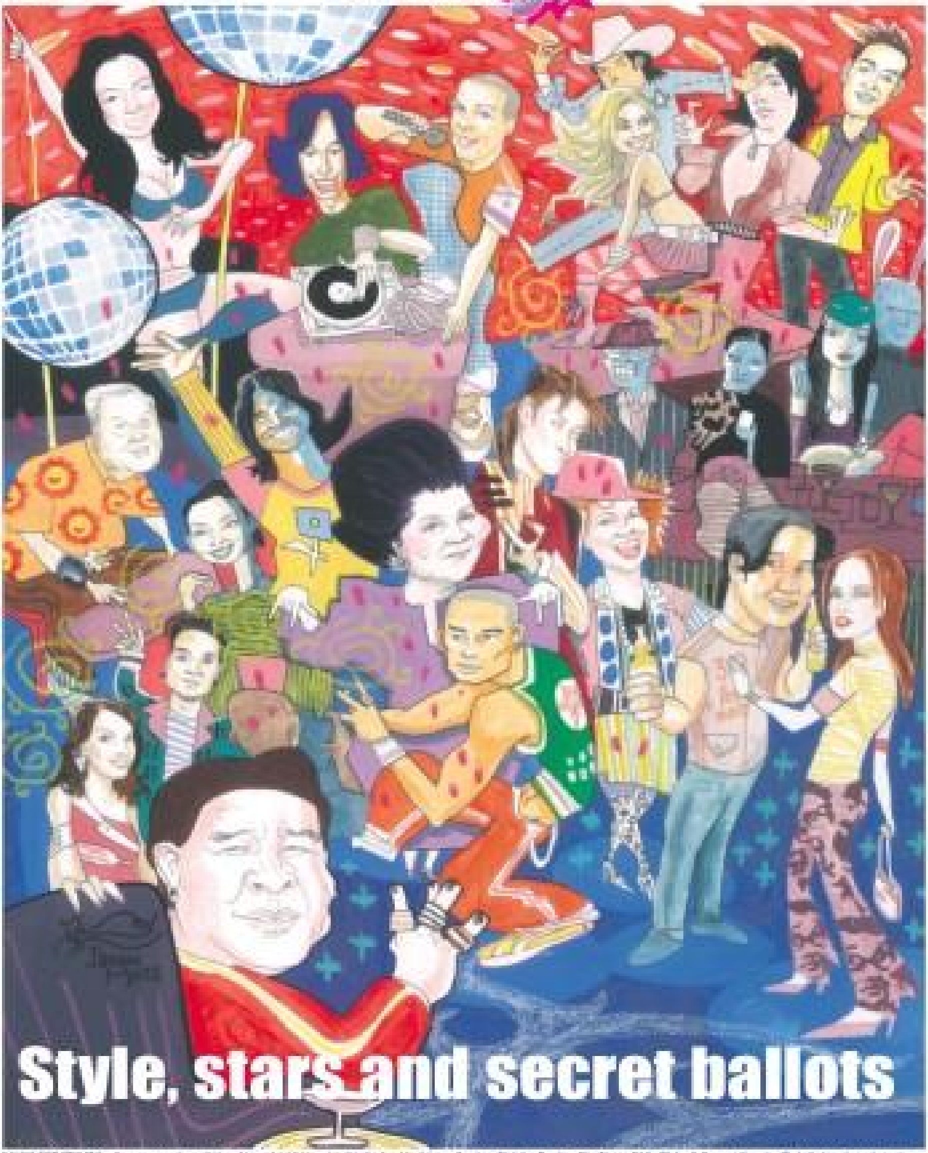

WAZZUP!: Maxingel Angeles Pangsaliban and Kulotsky Rosales


YO YO!: Francis Ricafort


PUBLIC ENEMY POWERHOUSES: James Ong, Carlo Father and Philip Co Unjieng


METRO MUSES: Mel Cosmos, Bianca Lim Gonzales and birthday girl Alex Mercado


IT'S A RAP: Carlos Agassi with actress "Bituing" and actor stuff director Andry



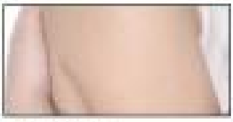
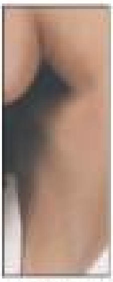
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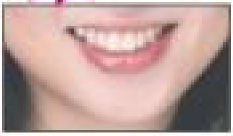
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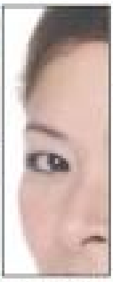
Guarantee

Head Stands

Dress code: 'Disco-luxe'






Hi, I'm Rorie Carlos.

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Hi, I'm Nicoleta Bell.

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Hi I'm Lyn Ching-Pascual

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Hi, I'm Tessa Prieto-Valdes

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Milk maidens

Photos by Paolo Pineda

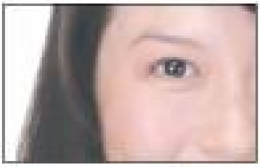
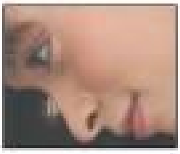






ASIDE from its calcium rich benefits, Cleopatra was known to bathe herself in tubs of milk.

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Say hello to Venezia Loran Bektas...

By Ruffa Gutierrez

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RUFFA'S [illegible]





THE MOTHER is now a proud mother to her second baby Venezia Loran

[illegible]



Alter Nativity

OUT THE WINDOW



Tala Diaz

Reggae, rhum and rumination during the off-season

Alter Native

Big Hearts Wanted



Drive jive

Shop, dine and party at Eastwood!

A Geneva convention

Tim Yap











SATURDAY Super

The culture of being nice

Age against the machine



Gino de la Paz



Is being too nice nasty?

IN case you haven't been paying attention, daytime do-gooder and self-made investment guru Oprah Winfrey recently gave away Pontiac sedans to jumpstart her talk show's 19th season. That was a helluva lot of cars—276 G6s to be exact—one for each dazed housewife in the studio audience. For the most part, the audience members were selected because they or someone in their family wrote in to say they needed to replace their rusty old bricks with sweet new rides. And boy, did they hit the jackpot that day. As if that wasn't enough, Oprah also handed out loot like it ain't no *thang*: a four-year scholarship, a $10,000 wardrobe and makeover, furniture and gadgets up the butt, and a $130,000 check to other down-and-out folks. Who said talk was cheap?

When I first heard about the insane deed/act/bonanza on the Internet, I put myself in the audience's shoes and immediately had visions of monkeys screaming for mercy at a looted Baghdad zoo. I thought, "Talk about blowing serious dough! This Oprah is one broad who lives to BRING IT ON!" Really, the Queen of Talk has my respect for at least giving cash to people who could use it the most. However, the hopelessly cynical International Marketing major in me had a different and slightly more dollar-driven reaction.

Too much credit has been assigned to Miss Winfrey when, in fact, Pontiac—a division of General Motors, or GM—donated the cars, which retail for $28,000 apiece. "A little idea grew into a big idea," Pontiac's Mary Henige told The Associated Press shortly after. Before they knew it, GM snagged an appearance on "Oprah," considered the crown jewel of advertising. In the process, they correspondingly took an $8 million hit, roughly the cost of 50 ads on primetime television. Nonetheless, GM's savvy version of product placement was able to thwart a TiVo attack by the show's 30 million viewers, majority of whom use the new technology to skip annoying TV commercials when recording their favorite programs. And why not? Oprah getting *crunked* and yelling "Everybody gets a car!" half a dozen times while the audience "screamed, cried, and hugged each other" sounds like pretty darn good advertising to me. Any brand would die for celebrity kudos but this kind of unbridled joy is PR in its purest form.

"Awww…But still, that's so nice," I hear you gush. Who's to say it wasn't? Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research Inc. in Bandon, Oregon, believes GM's move was brilliant. "It's a marketing stunt, but it was a good one," he said. "It's something nobody has really done before." The skeptics among us may think this "stunt" diminishes Oprah's credibility, realizing that she didn't give up her personal stash and may have done everything for crass publicity reasons. "It's like…Ew," as some shrill online detractors so eloquently put it. The mind-boggling amount of press this episode has generated for both Oprah and GM has got me thinking as well. When corporate machines fulfill wishes on a remarkably grand scale, what value should we place on their concept of generosity? Further, in an age of blatant self-promotion, talent search applause meters, and reality TV high dra-

THE CULTURE/ C8

The culture of being nice



IS TALK CHEAP? For GM and Oprah, it costs $8 million

Behind the feel-good factor

Questioning the motive

Or the Oprah bonanza: When corporate machines fulfill wishes on a remarkably grand scale, what value should we place on their concept of generosity?